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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of ELBA INDUSTRIAL ACCESS FOR CASI PROTECT LEASING ALABAMA NOT PROJECT NO. 141016-000001 will be received by the CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA, until 2:00 p.m. local time, THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1997 at the City Hall BIDS received after this time will not be accepted. BIDS will be publicly opened and read.

The work on the Project consists, in general, of approximately 440 cubic meters of unclassified excavation, 275 cubic meters of borrow excavation, 660 meters of bituminous concrete binder layer, 290 metric tons of bituminous concrete plant mix - widening, 300 metric tons of bituminous concrete wearing surface, 170 metric tons of bituminous concrete plant mix - leveling, 120 meters of 450 mm Side Drain Pipe (C-M), 2 each 650 mm Roadway Pipe EMI Treatment - Class 1, 26 each 450 mm Side Drain Pipe End Treatment - Class 1, 16 cubic meters of slope paving, 700 meters of concrete curb, required traffic striping, and all necessary appurtenances to complete the project. All work shall be completed within 90 consecutive calendar days.

Bidding Requirements, Contract Forms, Specifications, Drawings, and other Contract Documents may be examined during normal business hours at the following: (1) City Hall, City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36623 (36023), 324-793-5378; (2) Peters Municipal Associates, 300 North Foster Street (P.O. Box 6523), Dothan, Alabama 36603 (36623), 334-793-5378.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the ENGINEER, Peters Municipal Associates, upon prior payment of \$100.00, which sum will not be refunded. No partial or "split" bids will be accepted. All checks for copies of the Bidding Documents shall be made payable to Peters Municipal Associates.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all BIDS and to waive any informality. **CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA**
JAMES E. GRIMES, MAYOR
4-24-95, 1-8-15-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
DECEASED
CASE NO. PC-97-16

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of April, 1997, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

J. BILL DEVANE
Personal Representative 5-18, 15-chg

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The City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36623, is seeking bids to purchase a municipal self-propelled street sweeper. Required specifications are too complex to publish here, but will be mailed or faxed immediately upon request. Contact telephone number is (334) 897-3337. Bids will not be accepted for a used vehicle. Sealed bids must arrive at the undersigned, the attention of the City Clerk, plainly marked "SWEEPER BID" not later than 2:00 P.M.

May 9, 1997 and will be opened at that time. The City of Elba reserves the right to refuse and/or reject all bids. Delivery must be guaranteed in no more than eight weeks. Low bidder will be notified immediately.

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Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of FEMA FLOOD MITIGATING MEASURES/REDESIGN will be received by the CITY OF ELBA until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, May 22, 1997 at the City Hall BIDS received after this time will not be accepted. BIDS will be publicly opened and read. This is a REDESIGN of the project previously bid on February 28, 1997.

The work on the Project consists, in general, of approximately 17,500 CFM stormwater pumping station, piping, electrical and appurtenances. All work shall be completed within 120 consecutive calendar days with a provision for stopping time if pumps and panels have not been delivered.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Nora L. Foster, a single woman (elva Nora L. Foster), to the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, acting by and through the Farmers Home Administration, or its successor, dated August 1, 1986, recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 96-A, Pages 12-15 and

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The entire indebtedness secured by the said Real Estate Mortgages having been declared due and payable as there is provided, the undersigned, United States of America, acting through its authorized representative, under and in compliance with the power of sale in said Real Estate Mortgages, will proceed to sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder in front of the courthouse of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on the 22nd day of May, 1997, the following described property conveyed by said Real Estate Mortgages, to-wit:

Lot #5, Roster Subdivision, a subdivision of Section 2, T7N, R22E, Coffee County, Alabama, according to the Plat of the same recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, in Plat Book 2, Page 6, reference to which is made in lieu and aid of a better description.

Subject to all mineral rights, easements, covenants or other interest of record.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness to the United States of America, or its successor, and the expenses of sale, as provided in said Real Estate Mortgages to the United States of America.

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This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as the expenses of sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee and other purposes set out in said mortgage.

Magna Mortgage Company, as Assignee of Magnolia Federal Bank for Savings, as Servicing Agent for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Assignee of Resolution Trust Corporation as Receiver of Phoenix Federal Savings and Loan Association.

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Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that during the month of April, his officers answered 12 complaints, issued 19 traffic citations, made 4 arrests, and investigated 2 traffic accidents with no injuries.

He noted that the rescue squad has answered 12 calls while the fire department reported no fire calls.

Driggers informed council members that overtime grants totaling \$3,200.00 had been received by his department. The funds had been applied for for several months.

The chief also told council members that several "good comments" had been received concerning law enforcement of the town's leash law.

Other matters coming before the council were as follows:

Gave approval for police officer Bryan Lusher to attend the police academy in Montgomery at a cost of \$632.00 not including meals and travel expense.

Approved Chief Driggers' attendance at the police chief's conference on May 21, 22 & 23 at a cost of \$180.80.

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting Monday evening was over within 30 minutes of the call to order. A number of items were on the agenda, but debate was minimal and discussions short.

The council unanimously approved accepting a gift of 12 plated lots in Riverview Subdivision from National Security Insurance Company. Mayor James Grimes explained the lots were along the river and even though there were no immediate plans for park or recreational use, this would be a potential area for clearing and using as a park or picnic area.

The lots donated all front on Riverview Drive, Lots #11 through #20, actually from the river, while lots #44 and #45 are just off the river frontage.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council that the department had spent \$16,095, at \$15 per day, per prisoner, to house city jail inmates. Elba has for many years used the Coffee County jail for housing inmates.

Since the last council meeting police have answered 23 complaints, made 33 arrests, including 21 traffic tickets.

In the month of April the police cars patrolled for 14,175 miles and made 328 official, recorded contacts with the public.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 27th, because of the Memorial Day holiday on the 26th.

Monthly bills totaling \$12,936.54 were approved for payment. Mayor James Grimes noted it was the lowest monthly bills total since he took office.

place, it will be on a united front, with all four systems enforcing the same policies, according to Pearce.

The current cost to the Elba schools for administering drug tests is \$54 each. Pearce said it would cost \$10,000 if each boy and girl participating is tested. That should drop some with the increased volume, the superintendent explained.

A random testing, 10% of participants, three times a year would cost much less and might be equally as effective, board members were told. The participating schools are presently all using the same drug testing firm to administer drug tests.

Once the board and superintendent are ready to recommend a particular policy, there will be two well publicized public hearings before the new policy and/or testing begins.

It was noted that there would be no exception made to the receiving of one's paycheck before 1 p.m. on the Thursday payday.

The commissioners approved the recommendation from the landfill committee that credit be extended to the Hudson Company for use of the county's landfill.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley informed commissioners that the data processing offices had been relocated to the new mapping and appraisal building in New Brockton.

He noted that mapping and appraisal of qualified applicants.

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NATIONAL SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY DONATES LAND

Elba Council deals with several matters quickly

Major items on the accounts payable list include \$2,017.24 for paving asphalt; \$1,945.97 for vehicle repair; and \$1,398.53 for police uniforms.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported construction to start soon on the school access road and walking path from Taylor Mill Road.

The council approved Morrow's request to purchase a line stripping machine at a cost of \$1,195.00. The clerk had suggested using the proceeds from recycling, which have totaled \$1,887.34 since October 1996.

The clerk was also given permission to purchase a vehicle lift for the mechanic shop, if the Water and Electric will approve paying half the cost. The lowest price Morrow found was \$3,640.00, installed.

The council also approved purchase of a street sweeper at a cost of \$70,627.20. While only one bid was received this time, Grimes reported the bid was lower than either of the previous bids.

Prior to the vote, Council member John Sharpless asked about funds to pay for the equipment and was told the funds were available.

A problem with lot clearing and hauling off of stumps, etc., was presented to the council by Morrow. He said it was causing excessive expense. Council members asked that he be sent back to the next council meeting with the existing city ordinance on this matter.

Mayor Grimes reported on his meeting with the rescue squad officers, police chief and city attorney. According to Mr. Grimes, it is pretty much a status quo for the next four to six months. They will use the mon sense in dispatching emergency rescue runs. However, any request for a particular rescue unit will

be honored.

Grimes reported that his trip to Montgomery to secure additional funding on the citywide sewer re-paving project was not very productive. The average income of Elba residents is too high to qualify for additional funds.

The 1990 census was made just after the 1990 flood and before the public housing units, and many other residents, were re-occupied. The city is presently looking into the cost of a city funded census. This was considered in 1991 and the decision at that time was not to secure the special census. The alternative would be to raise sewer rates substantially, according to the mayor.

Working in drainage ditches on private property was again a matter of discussion. Grimes read a legal opinion from the League of Municipalities on the matter. It reads in part:

"The city may go upon private property, with permission of the owners or by obtaining an easement, and may when the drainage problem

was not caused by the property owner, expend public funds to repair or maintain that portion of the city's drainage pipe which is located upon private property but which is integral to the city's public drainage system."

Grimes said there were drainage problems all over the city, but named four major locations. Council members approved his recommendation that city crews work on these as time is available.

Council member Ronnie Hammond asked if there could be any relief for the dangerous interruptions by automobiles driving through park areas during recreation activities. He was told the police would be on hand if aware of the activity and arrests would be made.

Council member Winzell Gray asked about the possibility of a traffic light at the intersection of Jackson Street and Martin Luther King Drive. He noted drivers are ignoring the four way stop signs there. City police will also step up patrols in this area.

COMMISSIONER STEPHENS CONCERNED ABOUT RECORDS

County commission tends to business posthaste

praisal personnel are also relocated in the new building.

After a brief discussion concerning the janitorial service for the new building, commissioners approved, on a temporary basis, the 1 to 1-1/2 hour overtime that would be required for the custodian of the County Complex to clean the new building.

Commissioners will study the matter and make a firm decision at a later date.

During the general business session of the meeting, Commissioner Linda Westbrook noted that she had received a letter of commitment from the Jack Water Authority on matching funds on the water grant being applied for.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

ALL GOVERNMENT FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

FOR THE PERIOD OF 10-1-96 THRU 3-31-97

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	GENERAL	ENTERPRISE FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECT	BEST SERVICE	TRUST & AGENCY	*** TOTALS *** NONRANKING ONLY
REVENUES							
TAXES	1,314,357.64		655,526.53				1,969,884.17
LICENSES AND PERMITS	33,271.70		15,747.96			11,328.00	60,387.66
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV	256,895.92		1,044,841.40				1,301,737.32
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	448,811.63	948,535.57	182,956.70			1,410.37	1,610,437.70
MISCELLANEOUS	265,685.20	16,242.32	147,268.90		38,712.20	1,085.49	489,994.11
TOTAL	2,339,192.09	964,777.89	2,046,341.89		38,712.20	23,427.09	5,412,271.16
EXPENDITURES							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,040,767.31		93,045.26			7,465.04	1,141,277.61
PUBLIC SAFETY	601,428.82		10,499.13			11,328.00	623,255.95
WATER AND SEWERS			1,273,647.01				1,273,647.01
HEALTH		1,604,400.00					1,604,400.00
WELFARE	23,546.19						23,546.19
CULTURE AND RECREATION	19,824.30		5,235.89				25,060.19
EDUCATION	5,000.00						5,000.00
EDUCATION	22,411.72		9,278.89				31,690.61
CAPITAL OUTLAY	77,184.03	27,032.96					104,217.00
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT		50,961.88	137,700.62		196,748.02		385,410.52
INTEREST/FISCAL CHARGES		45,779.62	28,477.90		211,039.41		285,316.93
TOTAL	1,790,162.37	1,728,214.46	1,558,085.40		407,807.43	18,793.04	5,503,062.70
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (-) EXPENDITURES	549,029.72	763,463.57	488,256.49		36,904.77	4,654.05	90,791.54
OTHER SOURCES/USES							
OPER TRANSFER IN		36,267.50	467,005.41				503,272.91
OPER TRANSFER OUT		36,267.50					(36,267.50)
TOTAL		0.00	237,709.45				237,709.45
EXCESS REV/OTHER SOURCES OVER (-) EXPENDITURES			250,547.04				250,547.04
POND BALANCE-BEGIN YEAR	697,666.73	601.00	1,266,716.25	19,017.03	2,462,266.33	36,153.37	4,481,218.71
POND BALANCE-END YEAR	744,637.72	244.00	1,273,647.01	19,017.03	2,462,266.33	40,990.17	4,490,912.17

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

It was interesting to read about the Pennsylvania teenage girl who made her prom dress in the school metal shop, of tin-plated steel and metal rings. In the pictures we saw, it looked pretty neat. For safety sake, she carried a pair of pliers in her purse in case something came loose. This was a great novelty idea, but probably will not be a best seller in the fashion world. We predict this young lady will go places in the business world, if that is the direction she selects to travel.

The new courthouse in Enterprise is getting closer to becoming a reality. As one of the appointed citizens to make it all come together, we can honestly say there is a lot yet to be done. We did hear a verbal promise this week that the state court system will fund the installation of a security system in the new courthouse. That is good, but it is bad. Such safety measures are necessary these days and so it is good the funds will be furnished. The fact that such measures are necessary is the bad part. It is a shame that society has reached a point that others must arm and protect against the nuts whose pea brain thinks that destroying something, or someone, is moving forward. The bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City is an example of random killings by twisted minds for some obscure purpose which is lost in the horror of the action.

Will the Alabama Pardon and Parole Board grant former Governor Guy Hunt's plea for a pardon? We don't know but if they do, we expect a flood of similar requests from others convicted of civil and criminal wrongdoings. Would we grant the pardon? Probably not, even though we probably would never have convicted in the first place. What was done in his case was right, but it is not clear in this department if he ever knew what committee members were actually doing with the monies any of the time.

Elba schools continue to gain positive recognition for the success of students and teachers alike. Tuesday of this week *The Dothan Eagle* had a great story featuring Elba Kinde garden teacher Candace Vaughan. Her peers in the Elba school system have long shouted high praises of her efforts. The color picture of Candace dominated the front page of the paper. It makes us feel good to acknowledge we know such dedicated people and even better to see their accomplishments acknowledged. Salute!

Expansion activity has broken out of the gossip mode into the headlines with the announcement Friday of new retail construction coming to Elba. With Mike Russell going public with his plans, Elba folks must now find something else to pass around "confidentially" to friends. We know there is a lot of leg work left before the stores become a reality, but they are moving in the right direction! Again, Salute!

The long awaited opening of Elba Skating Rink is now upon us. Parties are already being held there and a large display ad in this issue of this newspaper announces "Y'all Come." We salute Marie Lindsey for her interest in developing something for our area youth. It is for the young folks... my bones would not take the falls that would surely come after oh so many years since strapping on a pair of skates!

The guest editorial this week is from the head of the trial lawyers association. He is praising the Alabama Supreme Court for cutting a jury award down to \$50,000. This is the BMW paint job case in which the Birmingham doctor (and his lawyers) were originally given millions because the car had been scratched and repainted. It is a bit surprising and confusing to see a trial lawyer praising these new rules, because it will drastically cut into their fees. We appreciate it, but are surprised. One doubting was suggested it might be a sign of relief that now may be the Alabama legislature will leave the matter alone. That may be true, only time will tell. Our personal thoughts on the issue are that the judges on the Supreme Court heard the cries of the voters and knew they better do something, and fast, if they ever wanted re-election.

GUEST EDITORIAL

State Trial Lawyers Praise Court Decision

Don Gilbert
Executive Director
Ala Trial Lawyers Assn

It is somehow fitting that with only hours left in this year's regular legislative session that an issue which the Legislature has labored over for years is now substantially resolved through action of the Alabama Supreme Court. This by no means is criticism of the Legislature or its process. But it is an indication of the difficulty any deliberative body faces when trying to resolve an issue like tort reform.

The decision handed down by the Alabama Supreme Court in *BMW v. Gore* provides the framework and guidelines which should remove the possibility of excessive punitive damage claims in Alabama's trial courts. While many will point to this decision as a defeat for the plaintiff's bar, it is impossible for those who believe in the American system of jurisprudence to see it that way. The decision of the Court, this decision will mark a new day for the practice of law in Alabama. It will mean vastly reduced jury and bench decisions in punitive damage cases. But the decision of the Court does not make the error of taking away the rights of plaintiffs to seek justice before

Juries. In the end, the Court's decision in *BMW* can only be seen as providing balance to the system of determining punitive damages. And balance is what the scales of justice demand.

In line with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in this same case, the Alabama Supreme Court rejects the notion that a mathematical formula can be used to determine punitive damages. Both these high courts recognize that a mathematical solution, by definition, ignores the special circumstances of each individual case. While a formula for punitive damages provides the due process protections which both courts seek for defendants, such a solution could destroy the ability of punitive damages to reach their primary goal—the deterrence of harmful behavior.

The decision of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Alabama Supreme Court underscore the concept that justice is individual and must fit each individual situation. With this decision handed down today, the Alabama Supreme Court also provides a clear means of ensuring that justice is preserved for defendants and plaintiffs alike. Yes, many will call this decision a defeat for the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association. But no one can deny that this decision is a victory for the

Court and our legal process. The decision does several things that are very interesting. First, in a footnote in the decision, the Court unveils its own research that shows that since 1989 in Alabama less than 10 percent of the cases affirmed on appeal had punitive damages judgments greater than \$2 million dollars. This accurate picture is far from the tort hell the press continues to try to paint of our state. Second, the Court ruled that any punitive damage judgment which approaches 10 percent of a person or company's net worth may be excessive. Finally, the Court lays out a clear three-part guideline for trial courts to use in reviewing punitive damages.

Isn't it time our state stopped fighting imaginary enemies and began fighting the real foes that can destroy us? Shouldn't we stop fighting over tort reform and begin to fight to feed children? Isn't it time we stopped putting political parties in front of the needs of our children?

Tort reform has been accomplished in Alabama. If the press will give the people this news, then the people will demand that government stop wallowing in this fight and get on to other business. It is time to move forward.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

MAY 5 THRU MAY 11, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 5, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one disorderly conduct, one forgery, one accidental shooting, one dog bite, three harassment, one burglary, three criminal mischief, one failure to appear, and one assault.

Arrests were as follows: one for public lewdness, one for public intoxication, one for failure to pay, one for theft of property, and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: five for speeding and one for running a stop sign.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 5 - River stage - 6.16 feet (6:38 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (5:36 p.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, MAY 6 - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:44 a.m.); Rescue run to Southland (1:16 p.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (1:30 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a gas leak (4:02 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 - River stage - 5.92 feet (6:25 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence in Brookdale (4:29 p.m.); Rescue run to Co. Rd. 305 (6:24 p.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence in Brookdale (6:42 p.m.).



Elba Police Department officers and staff.

THURSDAY, MAY 8 - Rescue run to Southland (12:16 a.m.); River stage - 5.34 feet (6:19 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, MAY 9 - Prowler reported at Mullins Apts. (1:25 a.m.); River stage - 5.20 feet (6:12 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Skating Rink (1:08 p.m.); Wreck reported on the Troy Highway (5:14 p.m.); Rescue run dispatched to wreck on Troy Highway (5:14 p.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (5:31 p.m.); Fight reported at the intersection of Newton and Cordelia streets (7:36 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Dunham St. (10:47 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 10 - River stage - 4.68 feet (6:23 a.m.); Rescue run to the intersection of Lee St. and Martin Luther King Dr. (8:27 a.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (8:53 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (12:59 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 11 - River stage - 4.38 feet (6:39 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (10:59 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (5:31 p.m.); Prowler reported at Beaver Dam Trailer Park (10:59 p.m.).

RIBBON CUTTING activities were held last Friday morning at the Car Center at 1201 Rucker Blvd. in Enterprise. On hand for the event were family members, a host of beauty queens and representatives of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. On Saturday visitors were treated to hamburgers and soft drinks. There were free T-shirts for the children. The used car dealership is operated by a trio including Ferrel Bruce, Greg Bowden and Bob French.

ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Little Miss Elba - Jessica Johnson
Future Little Miss Elba - Brittany Chestnut

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Destiny Brown
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

"Earning by Learning" is kicking off the third summer of encouraging children to read here in Coffee County.

The program is so simple. Children in the second through fifth grades are rewarded two dollars per book for reading and giving a simple oral report to a volunteer.

In the first two years the volunteer program has grown from about 80 participants to over 300 last year. The program is available to children in all three school systems.

If you are a parent and your child is going into the second, third, fourth, or fifth grade next year, you should have seen a registration form brought home by your child. If not, it is not too late to register.

I've had the opportunity to work with several dedicated volunteers over the last couple of years. They have made it possible for children who would not ordinarily have either the opportunity or the inclination to visit the library to do so during the first six weeks of summer vacation.

Exposure to reading at this impressionable age is critical to improving our culture. An educated work force guarantees our place in the competitive world marketplace. "Earning by Learning" is a privately funded (by donations both private and corporate) summer reading program designed to complement our schools curriculum.

Since all the work that goes into "Earning by Learning" is done by volunteers, almost all the money collected goes toward rewarding the readers.

If you are a member of a service club and have been looking for a way to contribute something back to society, this could be your calling. With so many children reporting on so many books, we could use all the good listeners we can get.

This year Gov. Fob James will

personally congratulate our top readers. Coffee County's "Earning by Learning" is being used as the blueprint for others across the state.

We also have a need for used books for the Kinston site. If you or your organization would like to donate books to be used by our "Earning by Learning" students, you may drop them off at the Human Resource Development Corporation office at 101 George C. Wallace Dr. (across from College Plaza, Enterprise) or at the Moore Construction office, Hwy. 167 South.

If you or your club or organization would like to help out, please contact Ms. Mary Harris at 347-0881 at Human Resource Development Corp., P.O. Box 311407, Enterprise, AL 36331.

As always feel free to contact me at Moore Construction 393-4328 or e-mail me at regmum@entercomp.com.

REP. GARRETH MOORE

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the officials and staff of Army Aviation Federal, FedPost Federal, IAM Federal, Michelin Tire Corporation, and Alabama Telco Credit Unions, I would like to express our deep appreciation to those who worked so hard this year in making the 13th annual Credit Union Members New Car/RV/Boat Show and Sale a success.

Early indications are that 380 units totaling more than \$8 million changed hands during this two-day event.

Again, our thanks to all of you for making it such a big success!

Sincerely,

JIM H. MITCHELL
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(l) Lamar Harrelson, Section Manager; (r) Leeway Liptrot



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Donnie Lee recognized as top producer

Donnie Lee of Elba was recognized as top producer in listings for the Progress Real Estate/Better Homes and Gardens' quarterly sales breakdown recently.

Purpose of the meeting is to recognize those agents who have excelled in the real estate profession.

Sonya Bovee was also recognized as top producer in listings for the Progress Real Estate/Better Homes and Gardens' quarterly sales breakdown recently.

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Brother's Club to hold clean-up in Mulberry Park, May 17

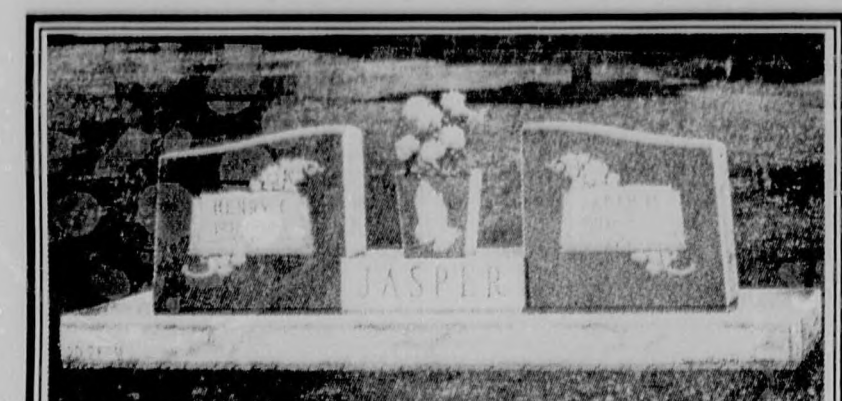
There will be a clean-up in Mulberry Heights Park on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 7 a.m.

Sponsors include the Brothers Club, council members and concerned citizens, in the second series of the district clean-up program.

Winzell Gray, Council Member, District One, says, "Bring ALL your cleaning equipment; trash bags will be furnished."

Motto for the day will be "Let's Pick It Up!"

Refreshments will be served.



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ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2006

Scripture: Hebrews 9:1-13

Thinking of you, praying for you: Let's Tyson, Ida Phillips, the Estley and Gilford families, Cassie B. Rees, the McNair family, Catherine Johnson, Priscilla Kelley, Barbara Caldwell, Henry Caldwell, John E. Folmar, Estell Owens, Marlar Rideaux.

"My dad told me way back that you can't use race. For example, there's no difference between a white snake and a black snake. They'll both bite."

Thurgood Marshall

***We ain't what we want to be, we ain't what we gonna be, but thank God we ain't what we was!

African American folk saying

68th Church Anniversary
Greater Springfield Baptist Church, New Brockton, Rev. Murray Powell, pastor, celebrated the church's 68th anniversary on May 11, at 3 p.m.

Theme: "We are bought with a price" - a cost paid by God Himself. Ref. Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:20.

Program - Devotion by guest officers. The Rocky Head M.B. Church rendered music. Welcome and occasion by Sis. Catherine Thomas, Church History - Dea. Charles Cole.

Rev. Murray Powell introduced the speaker, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, and Shiloah M.B. Church, Tarentum. Invitation to discipleship, offering, remarks by Rev. Powell, announcements and benediction.

Devotion by guest officers. The Rocky Head M.B. Church was Rev. A.R. Williams, Bessie, La'Ray, Br'ntia and Chas'ity, Roderick Riddick, Lavern Jones, Evelyn Guiley, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, De'Nard and Ree'Nita, Rev. Ronnie Caldwell, Lesa, Brandy and Britney, Stephanie and Samantia Williams, David Carpenter, Freddie Culver, Pauli, Bria and Topia; Ernestine Kelley, Jana, and Melissa; Brittany Daniels, Leo Henderson, J.L. and Estella Williams; Annie Pearl Carpenter, Catherine and Tiana, Wallace Belcher, Mattie and Justin; Hattie Bell Carpenter, Rev. and Mrs. Peter Carter and Ashley, Glenda Henderson and Tiffany, Monica Henderson, Grover and Eria Belcher.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY CELEBRATION
Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church, Elba, will celebrate annual Family and Friends Day, Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m. Rev.

Freddie L. Flowers is pastor. Family Day passage - Rev. F.L. Alvin, pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise.

Rev. J.F. McCloud, presiding elder, Rev. Zedekiah Luzzatt Grady, Bishop Rev. Frederick L. Alvin, guest minister.

"PEACHES" JACKSON WINS TWO MEDALS

"Peaches" Jackson is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School and a member of the Adult Day Care Center in Elba. She won first place in ringing basketball goals five times straight, and first place in badminton.

These games were played at Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise on Seniors Day, May 10.

The two medals she won meant much to her and she said, "I enjoyed the day of activities."

Peaches is the daughter of Louise Jackson Harris and granddaughter of Catherine Waters, both of Elba. Congratulations, Peaches!



CATHERINE WATERS
MOTHER OF THE YEAR - 1997
***On May 7, Mrs. Catherine Waters of Elba, a member of Elba's Adult Day Care Center, won the award. Her name was drawn as winner. Lee Edwards is manager of the

Adult Day Care Center in Elba. On Saturday, May 10, the members traveled to Enterprise State Junior College for Seniors Day where games were played.

Again Mrs. Waters was winner. She had the most children, grandchildren great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren. She won a \$100 certificate for meals at "Po Folks" in Enterprise.

Congratulations, Catherine! God Bless.

Gospel Singing
St. Mark AME Church, Daleville, May 17, 7 p.m., Rev. U. Kinney Jr., pastor.

Theme: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Eph. 5:19

Devotional by Bro. James Thomas and Bro. James Lewis. Welcome by Sis. Dorothy Thomas. St. Mark Gospel Choir and St. Mark Jr. Choir will render music. Prayer and Scripture. Rev. U. Kinney, Sis. Jackie Jones Austin will be Mistress of Ceremony.

Special Guests
God Mass, Newton; and Willie Mae Woodson and Sensation, Daleville.

***Guest Choirs - Greater Bethel, Midland City, Mt. Pleasant, Slomcomb; Newton Baptist Center Choir, Newton; St. Paul AME, Sconeersville; Greater Bethel, Sconeersville; Ming's Gospel, O.G.I.C., Samsom; St. Paul Baptist, Pinkard; Cunningham Family, Opp; female chorus, Dothan; Rev. Kim Ray and Choir.

Today is a good day! Be grateful!
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Youth Need to Know:
May - Monthly Motivation: People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.

Nannie Helen Burroughs, Educator and Civil Rights Activist

1797: On this day, May 6, Prince Hall forms the first African American Masonic Lodge in the United States.

1878: On this day, May 7, J.R. Winters receives a patent for the fire escape ladder.

1925: On this day, May 8, A. Philip Randolph organizes the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters after failing to achieve integration in the American Federation of Labor.

1800: On this day, May 9, John Brown, who will become an abolitionist and martyr at Harpers Ferry, Va., is born.

Timeline 1979: May 13 - Roy Wilkins is elected to the position of executive secretary of the NAACP following the death of Walter White.

Timeline 1979: May 14 - Max Robinson becomes the first African American network news anchor when he appears on ABC's "World News Tonight."

African American History Calendar

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Marvin C. Ennis
Elba United Methodist Church

THERE IS A "YES" IN EVERY MESS

Where God is concerned and we place our faith in Him, He can bring something good out of our "mess-ups" and the bad things that happen to us.

When the world did the worst it could to Jesus, God raised Him from the grave. There can be a resurrection behind every cross that we face. This can be true if we place our life and our circumstances in the hands of our Heavenly Father. This is what Jesus did, and it is what we must do.

Robert Schuller says, "Tough times never last but tough people do."

What makes people tough? It is the Grace of God. Remember what the Lord said to Paul when Paul asked that his "thorn in the flesh" be removed. The Lord said, "My Grace is sufficient for you." It is divine Grace that toughens us and helps us through the tough times.

Jesus Christ came into a messed up and a sin-darkened world. He brought light into the darkness and worked redemptively on the cross to clean up the mess. He can also work redemptively in our lives and in any bad set of circumstances that we face.

Let Christ become the "Yes" in every mess that you face. You will find His grace to be more than sufficient. Trust Him to help you bring something good and beautiful out of the mess.

Annual Spring cookout enjoyed by Young At Heart Club

By: Nellie B. Martin

Conviviality had begun as guests arrived at the Poole home for the annual spring cookout. And on hand to welcome the guests were the genial host James Ross, and hostesses Erelene and Sarah.

This was a delightful gathering of the members and friends of the Young at Heart Club of Elba First Baptist Church.

Everyone seemed to sense that this was a feast and a festive occasion for those who enjoy good food as well as socializing, which this group has enjoyed and shared on many such occasions.

Visitation seemed to be first in order and a happy time ensued, and much friendly chatter got underway.

Though rain had threatened and was predicted, to everyone's surprise, blue-sky silently appeared in the west and the guests had the pleasure of seeing a spectacular sunset.

Erelene extended a warm and gracious welcome.

A popular member of the group, Dr. Robert Paul, voiced a prayer of love, fellowship and thanksgiving.

The tables were loaded with beautiful-to-see and wonderful-to-taste "goodies" from the kitchens of the club members, adding to James Ross's culinary achievement of "Poole's Super Burgers!"

Instantly the group forgot all mannerism, the conversation dwindled, and the consumption of tasty "vittles" lasted for an extended time.

Erelene supervised a trio of "Brain Twisters" with special prizes for the individual winners.

James Ross was in charge of Bingo, with the lucky ones receiving special homemade goodies from Erelene's pantry.

Ice cream is never a surprise, but a special treat! Yes, it was ready!

All family members and friends are invited, as well as the general public.

BRIDGET MYERS
ERNEST BAKER
LAKISHA LEGEAR
ASHLEY LEGEAR
5-15p

Card of Thanks

The family of FREDDY MYERS would like to thank all of our family and friends for the kindness, visits, flowers, cards, food, and most especially your prayers.

Please continue to hold us up in prayer as we try to overcome our great loss.

God bless each and everyone of you.

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Special Singing to be held at True Gospel Chapel

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The church is located at 836 Troy Highway.

Guest singer will be Orice (O.J.) Marler, formerly of Elba, who now resides in Florida.

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EHS Students Visit Old Jail



by Deana Farris

Last week the local Family and History class visited the old Elba City Jail. The jail is being remodeled and will soon be the location of several different things, including community room, and a museum featuring the history of Elba. The Chamber of Commerce office will be located in the building. The students learned about both the history and future of the old jail building. They also experienced the feeling of being locked inside a jail cell. Students making the trip included Jeremy Parrish, Jamie Money, Zeke Prettyman, Issah Wilkerson, William Fowler, Tony Fleming, Geneva Ordon, and Nicole Lindsey.

Tiger Tales

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CHASTITY WILKINS
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Class Of 1998 Spotlight



by Justin Maddox

Gavita Long is the daughter of Ginger and Eddie Long. She enjoys spending time with Jason and shopping. She is EHS colorguard captain and a participant of the PALS program. The thing she likes best about being a junior is the fact that she'll "be a senior next year."

Scotty Bradshaw is the son of Roland and Elaine Williamson. He enjoys car races. He says the best thing about being a junior is we won't have but one more year of high school left.

Tawana Lashun Thomas is the daughter of Amelia Carpenter. Her hobbies are shopping, dancing, and singing. She is a member of FHA and FHSA. She attends Shady Grove AME Church. The one thing she likes best about being a junior is "becoming a senior next year."

*** Honors Day '97 ***

Elba High School's annual Honors Day was held Thursday, May 8, 1997, and awards and scholarships were presented to the following students:

Enterprise State Junior College - Jessica Dunn, Doug Grimes, Jason Jordan, Princess Fleming

Larson B. Wallace Junior College - Trent Calhoun, Heidi Bowers

Troy State University - Kayron Whitworth, Crystal Wing, Heidi Bowers

University of Alabama - Brittany McCall, Melissa Benbow

Stillman College - Princess Fleming

MacArthur State Technical College - Sheri Ross, Benji Layton, Marcus Tills, William Morrow, Jarrell Smedley

Alabama Aviation & Technical College - Earl Perkins

Rotary Club Scholarships - Aaron Creel, Kayron Whitworth, Brittany McCall, Crystal Wing, Heidi Bowers

Wallace College Dothan - William Morrow

ADK Scholarship - Brittany McCall

Technology Scholarships - Melissa Benbow, D'Undray Peterson

National Association of Secondary Principals Award - Melissa Benbow

Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award - D'Undray Peterson, Chastity Williams

University of West Alabama - D'Undray Peterson

VICA Auto Technology Award - William Morrow

Teacher of the Year - Ms. Pearl Amison



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AWARD RECIPIENTS

Intel Education Program

by Julie Carter

Zion Chapel's Cooperative Education Program, instructed by Stacy S. Coole, received an Education Kit called *The Journey Inside: The Computer*. The kit is a part of a national computer education program sponsored by The Intel Digital Education and Arts Program.

The national education program of the Intel Corporation is designed to increase technology literacy among high school students and inspire them to learn more about the science behind computers. The Education Kit is a six unit program which contains a variety of educational materials. A cardboard box, resembling today's personal computers, illustrates the major components of a personal computer. A one-hour video, resembling today's personal computers, is divided into six segments, introducing each unit. The Teacher's Guide contains lesson plan suggestions, student handouts, and nineteen overhead transparencies. The classroom poster reinforces the key components of the video. The Chip Kit is a collection of computer hardware components designed for the students to engage in hands-on activities. The Chip Kit contains a silicon wafer, a non-functioning microprocessor, a bag of various computer chips including one Pentium chip, 5V batteries, C batteries, LEDs with wires, incandescent bulbs with wires, switches, transistors, red and black wire, and electrical tape.

ASHLEY THOMAS
Co-Op Student

Ward got another out as she caught a fly hit into center field. In the bottom of the first inning, Rebel Bridget Money got a run making the score 1-0.

Tina Johnson made the first out in the top of the second inning by once again striking out a bulldog. Also, Kendra Ward caught another fly hit in center field. The bulldogs were able to score only one run tying the game at 1-1.

In the third inning, the Rebel defense had a few errors which allowed the Bulldogs to score three runs. But this did not intimidate the Rebels as Michelle Sawyer got a runner out on a first and Tina Johnson struck out a batter. Rebecca Ward, the extra hitter, scored one run striking the Rebels' score as well as their spirit.

Lady Rebels Defeat Lady Bulldogs

by Heather Vaughan

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled off a win as they defeated the Brantley Bulldogs 9-8 in the sectional tournament. The spirit and hard work of the Rebels helped them achieve their first win.

Tina Johnson, the Rebel pitcher, started the game off by striking out the first bulldog batter. Michelle Sawyer got the next batter out at first base. Kendra Ward got another out as she caught a fly hit into center field. In the bottom of the first inning, Rebel Bridget Money got a run making the score 1-0.

Support The Rebels

Cindo De Mayo Celebrated

by Tiffany Lewis

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated by students of Mrs. Mendez's Spanish classes at Zion Chapel. Cindo de Mayo, which is May 5, is the day people of the Spanish culture celebrate their independence.

On May 5, 1862, General Zaragoza and his Spanish forces defeated the French in a battle at Puebla. This battle has come to symbolize the strength and determination of the Spanish people and is celebrated annually.

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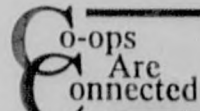
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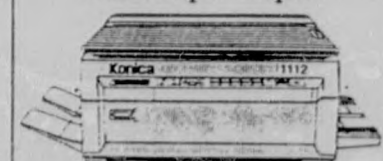
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Elba Student Wins National Award

Amanda Beerenstrauch, student at Elba High School, has been named a United States National Award winner in Science.

Amanda was nominated for this national honor by Coach Brian Weeks, teacher at Elba High.

She will appear in the Academy's official yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, director of the Academy. "These students should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Winners are selected upon exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors, and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy.

Criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility and recommendation from a teacher.

Amanda is the daughter of Arnie and Sheila Beerenstrauch. Her grandparents are James and Bea Simmons of Elba, and Marvin and Alma Schmoor from Dewitt, Neb.

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FFA Coloring Contest

by Bridget Money

The Zion Chapel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America conducted a coloring contest for the elementary students in an effort to make them more aware of FFA and the importance of farm safety.

Each grade was given a different picture to color. The divisions of each grade competed against each other. Not playing around ponds or tractors, calling someone for help in case of emergencies, and wearing sunscreen were some of the safety precautions depicted by the pictures.

The winners were Ashley Bailey (Kindergarten), Brittany Cartwell (first grade), Megan Partwood (second grade), Courtney Dikes (third grade), Inessa Wambles (fourth grade), and Samantha Siney (fifth grade). Each winner was awarded a certificate and a model tractor.



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Courtney Dikes, Samantha Siney, and Inessa Wambles; back row - Megan Partwood, Brittany Cartwell, and Ashley Bailey.

Band Attends Festival

by Amber Shiver

The Zion Chapel Rebel Marching Band received excellent reviews for their performance at the Festival of Champions in Panama City.

The competition is sponsored by the Festival of Champions Association and was held in the Marina Civic Center in Panama City. The festival is open to bands of all sizes from all over the United States. Each competing band received a trophy, the size depended on their rating, and a certificate stating their ratings.

The Zion Chapel Marching Band received excellent ratings for their performance, which included the "Constitution State March" by Eric Osterling, "Romance" by James Swearingen, and "Aventura" also by James Swearingen.

The Zion Chapel Rebel Band also participated in some recreational activities while in Panama City. After leaving the competition, the band went to the Panama City Mall for lunch and shopping. The members then went to Coconet Creek Mini Golf and Grand Maze. The band members played a round of mini golf and went through the Grand Maze, which is a huge walk-through maze. It usually takes from 15 minutes to 2 hours to go through the maze.

FHA Party

by Bridget Money

The Future Home Makers of America Chapter of Zion Chapel High School concluded its final meeting with a party.

The meeting was very short and to the point. It was called to order by the FHA president Tiffany Lewis and the secretary, Amanda Sanders, called roll. The members then discussed the annual banquet, which was unfortunately cancelled due to a lack of people planning to attend.

Each member was asked to bring a food or drink for the party. The first period Home Economics class also prepared some refreshments. Chips and dip, cookies, sausage balls, and soda were some of the refreshments served.

Pippi Longstocking

by Twanna Haynes

Students of Mrs. Peggy Story's first grade class attended a live on-stage performance of Pippi Longstocking in Montgomery. A portion of the money for the trip was funded by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Pippi Longstocking is one of the best loved stories by Astrid Lindgren. The story was brought to life in a vibrant musical bursting with whimsy, fun, and incredible adventures. The live performance was based on the most "read-it-again" book in school libraries worldwide.

American's Leading Theater For Young Audiences performed for the audience. A distinguished 25 year tradition of providing theater arts in education was celebrated.

The children enjoyed the production and said that they would like to go again some time in the future. Following the play, the first graders ate lunch at McDonald's. The children and Mrs. Story would like to thank the Alabama State Council on the Arts once again for the generous contribution they made.

An education is something that can't be taken away from you!
GO FOR IT!!!



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Kendra Ward, Kayla Eddins, and Ashley Wambles; second row - B. J. Powell, Chan Grantham, Brandon Arnold, and Josh Johnson; third row - Josh Grantham and Billy Kelley. Not available for picture were: Brandy Mahaffey, Christie Roberts, Jerod Jurigich, Ashley Nelson, and Amber Shiver.

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Views from

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Just a few notes after another hectic weekend...

*** The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks competed in their third straight State Softball Tournament last weekend in Montgomery and claimed one win to place in a fifth place tie in the 2A ranks. The Lady Gamecocks never really got their bats in gear in the tournament, and the move to 2A presented the team with very stiff competition. Although the Lady Gamecocks were disappointed with not bringing home the title, they have established themselves as one of the premier teams in the state and are a team that others look for in Montgomery each and every spring.

*** The youth baseball and softball schedules have been playing a reduced schedule in recent weeks due to various conflicts at school, but the schools will close for the summer real soon and before long the kids and their parents will be spending all their spare time at the parks. Hey, it's that time of the year.

*** I was one of twenty umpires from across the state chosen to umpire in last weekend's State High School Softball Tournament, in Montgomery, and while it was an honor, and I got to umpire more than my share of games, it was the antics of the fans that kept me up at night. The fans used whistles, rocks in cans, drums and air horns to get their favorite teams fired up, and one fan in the Fast-Pitch division even donned wings and a halo and did an imitation of the fans in "Angels in the Outfield" and spent the entire game flapping her wings. Her team didn't win the game, but her dedication and support was appreciated by the team members. The girls all played hard and cried hard if they lost; however, they left knowing they had the support of many, many fans, and that was great!

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association has released its re-classifications for the 1998-99 school years, and Elba was once again shuffled around in Area play, as in 1998 the Tigers will compete in the same area with Slocomb and Clayton, in football and basketball. When baseball season rolls around Lurvenne will join the ranks in the place of Clayton, which should do little but make the change even harder to understand. Oh well, at least it's still a year away.

By the way, Ozark will drop down to 5A and be in the area with Opp and Andalusia, while Lurvenne will be back in 3A and will be in the area with Goshen and Calhoun. More news as I get time...

Elba Department of Parks and Recreation
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
SCHEDULES

*** BASEBALL ***

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL
DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

THURSDAY, MAY 15
In Elba,
6:00 - Sox vs. Brewers
7:45 - Braves vs. Marlins

FRIDAY, MAY 16
In Elba,
6:00 - Marlins vs. Cardinals
7:45 - Sox vs. Phillies
In New Brockton,
6:00 - Royals vs. Braves
7:45 - Dodgers vs. Brewers

SATURDAY, MAY 17
In Lurvenne,
9:00 - A's
11:00 - Diamondbacks
1:00 - Marlins
3:00 - Cardinals
5:00 - Braves
7:00 - Royals

DIXIE PRE-MAJORS

SATURDAY, MAY 17
3:00 - N.B. at Geneva

TUESDAY, MAY 20
7:00 - N.B. at Opp

*** SOFTBALL ***

TEE-BALL SOFTBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Field 3)

No games on schedule

COACH-PITCH SOFTBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)

No games on schedule

10 & UNDER SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, MAY 15
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
6:00 - Cubbies vs. Chiefs

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

FRIDAY, MAY 16
In Elba,
6:00 - Reds vs. White Sox
8:00 - Reds vs. Yankees
In Lurvenne,
6:00 - H'land Home vs. Rockies
7:30 - Braves vs. Marlins

MONDAY, MAY 19
In Elba,
6:00 - Marlins vs. Reds
8:00 - Marlins vs. Rockies

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Field 1)

THURSDAY, MAY 15
6:00 - Rangers vs. Marlins
7:15 - Athletics vs. Cardinals

TEE-BALL BASEBALL
(Hawkins-Williams Field 3)

No games on schedule

(Note: Reduced schedule of games due to graduation at area schools)

12 & UNDER SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, MAY 15
(Hawkins-Williams Field 2)
7:15 - Renegades vs. Red Stixx
(Hawkins-Williams Field 3)
7:15 - Rumbles vs. Redwings

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Sports

With fifth place finish at Section tournament

Tiger golfers conclude successful season

The Elba High School golf team traveled to Mobile recently to compete in the Class 1A-3A Section Tournament, but found the competition a little too tough as the Tiger linksters failed to qualify for the State Tournament.

Cardinals and Phillies continue unbeaten streaks in Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor play

The Elba Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues continued their seasons last week with the Phillies and Cardinals remaining undefeated in their respective leagues.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

SOX 10 DODGERS 6
The Sox rallied from an early deficit to outscore the Dodgers 10-6, in Dixie Minor action.

The Dodgers jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead in the top of the first, only to see the Sox rally and score 8 runs in the second to take the lead for good.

The Coach-Pitch Baseball League was filled with action last week as six games were held.

Following are highlights of all games:

ANGELS 20 ATHLETICS 18
Rhoades, Brunson and Clint Bradshaw all scored 3 runs for the Angels, while Adam Henderson, Benjamin Frank, Hudson and Cory Miller all scored twice.

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Two teams and eight individuals from each Section Tournament earned the right to advance on to the State Tournament.

UMS-Wright, of Mobile, took top team honors with a score of 297, and also had seven of their team members earn spots at state, while Washington County placed one golfer among the top eight at the one-day event.

Houston Academy placed second in team competition with a score of 333 and also earned the right to compete at state.

The cut for individuals to qualify for the State Tournament was 77, and Elba's Mark Wicker narrowly missed the cut with a score of 81.

Other 18-hole scores from Elba golfers included John DuBoise 89, Jerry DuBoise 96 and Neil Grantham 102.

The Tiger linksters placed 11th, 24th, 30th and 37th among the 53 golfers competing.

"Two of our golfers had a great spring and we were hoping that they would qualify for state," said Elba High golf coach Lynn Cook. "Mark Wicker is just a sophomore and should be a state contender for the next two years, while John DuBoise was our only senior, and he also had a great season. Both young men had a real chance at making the cut, but the competition was very stiff and the Mobile golfers really dominated."

"Jerry DuBoise and Neil Grantham should return next year and should be improved due to the experience they got during the season," added Coach Cook. "If we can get a few more golfers to come out and join the team, maybe we can shave a few strokes off our scores and make it to state."

MARLINS 4 DODGERS 6
The Marlins got in the win column with an exciting 4-3 win over the Diamondbacks, in Dixie Youth action.

The Marlins trailed 3-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth, but bunched three hits in the inning to tie the game and claim the win.

Jared Flowers and Macon Hodge had the big sixth inning hits for the Marlins, while Joe Sawyer got 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Diamondbacks.

CARDINALS 9 A'S 6
The Cardinals staged a late rally to claim a wild 9-6 win over the A's, in Dixie Youth action.

The Cardinals scored five runs in the third inning to grab a 3-2 lead, then added four runs in the fifth to regain the lead and take the win.

Jason Curran and Chris Brunson both got one hit for the Cardinals, while Blake Lambert scored two runs for the A's.

GIANTS 18 MARINERS 9
Sullivan, Boutwell and Jared all scored 3 runs for the Giants, while Johnson, Mashburn and McCollough all scored twice.

W. Gray scored 3 runs for the Mariners and C. Johnson scored twice.

GIANTS 27 CARDINALS 20
Sullivan and Creel both scored 4 runs for the Giants, while Boutwell, Mashburn, Johnson and Qualls all scored 3 runs, and McCollough, Jared and Nelson all scored twice.

Johnson, Kelly and Drew all scored 3 runs for the Cardinals, while Purvis, Deadrich, Hawkins, Driggers and Parrish all scored twice.

ATHLETICS 17 RANGERS 12
Blake, Jackson, Hooks, Morrow, Tyson and Jones all scored 2 runs for the Athletics, while Gage, Lardice, Aaron, Nathan and Thomas all scored 2 runs for the Rangers.

MARINERS 18 ANGELS 16
Blenn and Johnson both scored 3 runs for the Mariners, while Forbes, Gibson, Burks and Williams all scored twice.

Hartel scored 4 runs for the Angels, while Frank, Rhoades, Miller, Bradshaw and Hartel all scored 2 runs for the Rangers.

RANGERS 26 CARDINALS 19
Stanley, Cory, Gage, Lardice, Aaron and Thomas all scored 3 runs for the Rangers, while Timmy, Nathan and Wesley all scored twice.

D. Johns, Drew and B. Johnson all scored 3 runs for the Cardinals.

RENEGADES 16 RED STIXX 4
The Renegades moved ahead early and then pulled away to defeat the Red Stixx 16-4, in 12 and Under action.

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Social Happenings

Miss Reed to marry Mr. Dewberry Saturday, May 31



Miss Reed & Mr. Dewberry

Linda Burrell of Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Reed of Tallapoosa announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Wendy Lynn Reed, to Tommy Kevin Dewberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy G. Dewberry of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Turner of Montgomery, Robert Reed and the late Marion Reed of Jones, Ala.

She is a 1992 graduate of Sidney Lanier High School and graduated in 1997 from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., where she earned a degree in Elementary Education.

The future groom is the grandson of Mrs. Merle Bowman of Elba, Mr. W. Edward Bowman of Fairhope, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dewberry of Elba.

He is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School and graduated in 1997 from Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., where he earned a degree in Animal Sciences.

He is employed by First Baptist Church of Opelika as Minister of Education intern.

The wedding will be an event of May 31 at two o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church in Opelika, Ala.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Art Williams Sr.

piano recital to be

held Monday, May 19

Art Williams Sr., piano recital to be held at the Malone Art Gallery in Troy, Monday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Hope School Reunion planned for May 31

Thousands of students, many of whom live in the Wiregrass area of Alabama-Georgia-Florida, attended New Hope School which was operated from the 1890's to 1963.

The annual reunion is held on the last Saturday in May.

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Miss Adkison & Mr. Heilbron

Adkison-Heilbron to wed Saturday, August 23rd

Ms. Sue Adkison and Mr. Dykes Adkison of Samson announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Markell Mendell, to James Palmer Heilbron, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Heilbron of Atlanta, Ga.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Adkison of Samson, and Ms. Ernest Powers and the late Mr. Winston Weeks of Opp.

Miss Adkison holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University. She is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Omega Chi Epsilon chemical engineering honor.

She is employed as an environmental engineer by Milliken and Company, LaGrange, Ga., as a process improvement engineer.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James A. Heilbron of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert E. Palmer of Madeira Beach, Fla.

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Social and Community News

Hudson-Harrell wedding held February 22

Leigh Anne Harrell and Troy Russell Hudson were married Feb. 22, 1997, at five o'clock in the afternoon in Park Memorial United Methodist Church in Troy.

The Rev. William Averry Walker officiated the traditional double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Michael Harrell and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hudson of Troy.

The entrance of the church was framed by a European-inspired swag garland of magnolia, smilax, cherry laurel, lilies, roses, irises, and bridal wreath.

Upon entering the foyer, guests were greeted by Penny Anderson Jackson, friend of the couple and bridal book attendant.

Kristen Phillips and Zachary Alexander Rose, cousins of the bride, served as program attendants.

A French-European spring bouquet of lilies, irises, roses, snapdragons, tulips, daffodils, and flowering pear and plum blossoms, filled the foyer.

The center of the chancel held an elegant ten-foot, French-inspired European arrangement of Asiatic yellow lilies, blue irises, Casablanca lilies, Japanese magnolia, varying shades of pink Anna roses, white irises, forsythia, bridal wreath, and spring flowering pear and plum branches. Large Kimberly Queen Australian ferns accented the arrangement.

Lighting for the ceremony was provided by pillar candles placed in each stained glass window, accented by magnolia, and in the chancel on single, European Medieval stands.

Family pews were marked with live moss baskets filled with lilies, roses, tulips, irises, plumosa, and ivy. Floral arrangements at the church were created by Bobbie Jimright, Mary Grant, Helen King, and June and Jon Barker.

A pre-nuptial prelude was presented by Jason Grace, pianist and organist, and Serendipity Strings, under the direction of Mrs. Irene Miller of Montgomery, and Kathryn Sandifer Allen, soloist.

"Canon in D" by Pachelbel was performed as grandparents, Mrs. Irene Dorough, Mrs. Betty Wagoner, Mr. George Irving Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis Dunn, were seated.

Kathryn Sandifer Allen sang "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" as the mothers were seated. The wedding party entered the sanctuary to Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary," followed by the bride's entrance to "Bridal March from Lohengrin" by Wagner. "Wedding March from a Midsummer Night's Dream" by Mendelssohn was chosen for the recessional.

The bride, escorted in the church by her father, was radiant in a simple, elegant white silk gown designed by Jim Hjeltn of New York.

The sleeveless gown featured a fitted bodice of Italian puffed-rose design silk, accented in the back with tiny silk-covered buttons.

The full, gathered skirt extended into a chapel train. Her two-tiered, fingertip veil of silk illusion edged in rolled silk, was attached to five petite roses fashioned from the same fabric as her gown, and was designed for her by Jim Hjeltn. She carried a simple, French bouquet of pink roses, jasmine, and bridal wreath.

Toni Harris Laney served as matron of honor. Other attendants were Kelli Hutto Montgomery; Misty Williamson Curtis; Ivy Leigh Erb, Shawn Michele Loving, Stacey Penn Johnson, and Katie Marie Rose.

Their dresses were an ecru crepe featuring an empire waistline, front French silk bow and full, flowing skirt. They carried European bouquets of irises, roses, tulips, lilies, asters, and bridal wreath, designed by Helen King.

Hope Garrett, cousin of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. She wore a hand-sewn two-tiered, heirloom dress of ivory tulle with ecru lace and ribbon. Her bouquet was a smaller version of the bridesmaids'.

Miss Edith Grace Pinckard, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl. Her heirloom dress was identical to the one worn by the junior bridesmaid. She carried the family antique wicker basket filled with petals.

Tony Hudson served his son as best man.

Other groomsmen were Joe Lamar Brooks, Judd Spencer Jackson, Keith Frederick Laney, Cliff Kohner Massey, and Jason Andrew Reeves.

Master James Stewart Pinckard, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer. He wore an ivory heirloom two-piece outfit and carried a pillow of antique fabrics, featuring small tassels on each corner, designed by Bobbie Jimright.

Serving as ushers were Michael Daniel Johnson, Roy Darrell Lamb, and Michael Ellis Rose.



Mrs. Troy Russell Hudson

RECEPTION
Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Troy Country Club.

A vine arbor, accented with lights, flowers and forsythia, surrounded the entrance door of the club. A beautiful wreath with fresh flowers completed the look.

The foyer held an arrangement of spring flowers, and a garden scene with Roman urns holding large topiaries of ivy welcomed guests into the ballroom. Ferns surrounded a bird-bath filled with moss featuring angel statuary surrounded by a circular fence of blooming pink jasmine.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered creation featuring roses, sweet peas, hydrangeas, stephanotis, and tiny pale ivy, all handmade and fashioned from sugar by Sara Lee Stokes of Enterprise. The cake was placed on a lovely heirloom pedestal designed by Jerry and Bobbie Jimright.

The mantle held three tall, ornate white church birdhouses, surrounded by spring blooming bulbs of daffodils, irises, amaryllis, along with moss, azaleas, and violets.

The groom's cake was a four-tiered coconut cake garnished with fresh fruit.

The round center food table held a spectacular spring arrangement of yellow lilies, roses, irises, aster, snapdragons, forsythia, bridal wreath, and flowering pear branches in a large English lattice urn.

Guest tables held moss containers with daffodils, tulips, and irises

Elba Nursing Home to celebrate and choose queen

Elba Nursing Home will celebrate National Nursing Home Week May 11 - 17, and on May 15 will choose a special lady to be named "Ms. Elba Nursing Home 1997."

Twelve of the city's loveliest ladies will compete for the local title, and the winner will join other nursing home residents across the state to vie for the title of "Ms. Alabama Nursing Home 1997."

"Each year this pageant gives us the opportunity to share our most shining assets - our residents and their wonderful personalities - with the community," said Ellen Briley, administrator of the Elba Nursing Home.

"By having the Ms. Elba Nursing Home pageant right here in our residents' home, people who don't get the opportunity to visit a long-term care facility can come in, enjoy a great evening of fun and share in the activities with 'our family' and get the thrill of their lives in the process."

Competing for the title of Ms. Elba Nursing Home 1997 are Episcopale, Yvonne Williamson, Wanda Messick, Bonnie Johnson, Lola Thomas, Gladys Smart, Catherine Stuvall, Gladys Minney, Vida Rushing, Velma Bradshaw, Sweetie

Goodson, and Mennie Hudson. The contestants will be judged by a panel of civic and community leaders using several criteria including, but not limited to, their personality and physical appearance in relation to their age, poise, attitude toward life, and their demonstrated interest and continuing contribution to others.

Winner of the Elba Nursing Home on Aug. 12 to represent Elba Nursing Home in the 1997 Ms. Alabama Nursing Home Pageant. The pageant will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Wyntree Hotel, and will feature local pageant winners from nursing homes across the state.

"Family members, friends, and the general public are all encouraged to visit the Elba Nursing Home during Nursing Home Week," said Ellen Briley, administrator. "Visit old friends, and make new ones."

The Elba Nursing Home, a skilled nursing facility, provides long-term health care for 101 residents in Elba and surrounding communities. The facility is a member of the Alabama Nursing Home Association, the state's oldest long-term care association.



Miss Kidd & Mr. Harrell

Miss Kidd to marry Mr. Harrell, May 31

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kidd and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barton announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Melissa Marie Kidd and Christopher Michael Lee Harrell.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Cliff Carley and Cola Carley of Opp, and Waylon and the late Sara Dell Kidd of Brantley.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Willard Hopkins and Shirley Hopkins of Elba, and Bruce Harrell of Graham, N.C., and Burtha Hagwood of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Melissa is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School. She is planning to attend Wallace College in Dothan in the fall.

Chris is a 1994 graduate of Elba High School. He is employed by Opp and Nicolas Mills in Opp.

The wedding will be an event of May 31 at Mt. Olive Church in Opp at six o'clock in the evening.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Christopher Ruddock

Christopher Ruddock receives scholarship

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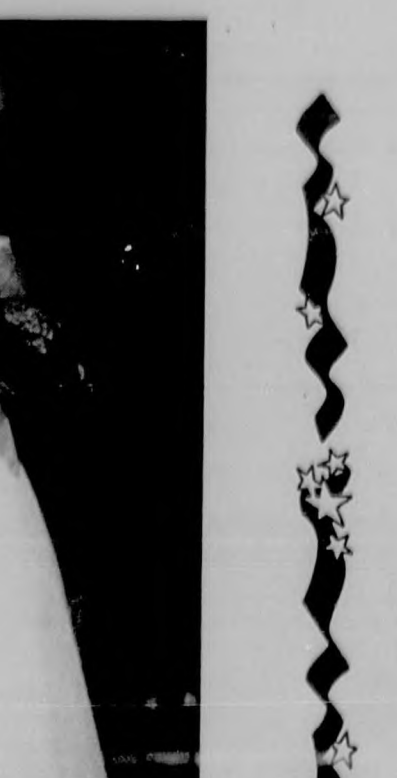
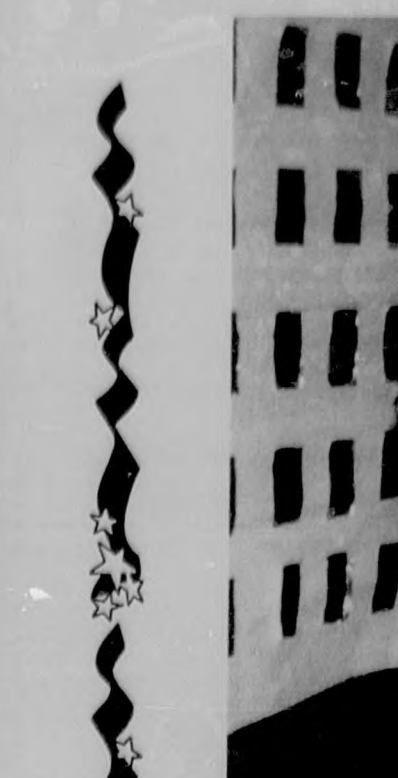
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****1997 MISS ELBA'S CROWNED****



MISS ELBA... WINNER - Elizabeth Strong, 17-year-old daughter of Kenneth and Sara Strong; 1st runner-up - Misty Kelley, 16-year-old daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley; 2nd runner-up - Crystal Wing, 17-year-old daughter of Tanny Wing and Mrs. Debbie Wing... (Written Communication Winner - Elizabeth Strong; Interview - Crystal Wing; Verbal Communication - Crystal Wing; Evening Gown - Misty Kelley; Photogenic - Elizabeth Strong; Miss Congeniality - Crystal Wing; Spirit of Elba Award - Elizabeth Strong)

JUNIOR MISS ELBA... (left) 1st runner-up - Vaughan Boyd, 15-year-old daughter of Lee and Harriette Boyd; WINNER - Cammie Kelley, 14-year-old daughter of Jerry and Theresa Kelley... (Interview Competition - (TIE) - Cammie Kelley and Vaughan Boyd; Photogenic Winner - Shay Johnson; Miss Congeniality - Cammie Kelley; Casual Attire Competition - Cammie Kelley; Evening Gown - Shay Johnson; and Spirit of Elba Award - Shay Johnson)



FUTURE LITTLE MISS ELBA... (l-r) 1st runner-up - Haley Celeste Bryan, 4-year-old daughter of Jiles and Angie Bryan; 2nd runner-up - Cortlin Megan Lee, 5-year-old daughter of Joe and Melinda Lee; Miss Alabama 1996 Alison McCreary; WINNER - Brittany Chestnut, 4-year-old daughter of Hank Chestnut



LITTLE MISS ELBA... (l-r) 2nd runner-up - Marisa Shay Carpenter, 7-year-old daughter of Lee and Melinda Carpenter, first grade, Elba Elementary School; 1st runner-up - Tiffany Jean Bryan, 7-year-old daughter of Tyler and Debbie Bryan, first grade Elba Elementary School; Miss Alabama 1996 Alison McCreary; WINNER - Jessica Marie Johnson, 7-year-old daughter of Donnie and Rene Farris, 1st grade, Zion Chapel Elementary... (Photogenic Winner - Tiffany Bryan; Interview Winner - Jessi Johnson; Evening Gown Winner - Jessi Johnson)

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Megan Anderson, Brittany Cardwell, Britany Dismukes, Sabrina Hathcock, John Wayne Lambert, Steven Mitchell, Rebecca Thompson, Harry White, Chase Perkins, Jessie Carroll, Jessica King, Jones Simmons, Brooke Sison, Caitlin White, Stephanie Berry, Logan Carnley, Cassandra Cole, Stephanie Farmer, Sheena Hussey, Jessi Johnson, Britany Layton, Britany Liptrot, Gage Nalley, Kristina Odom, Rod Rider, Anna Wilson, Jennifer Taylor, Erica Lewis, Whitney Williams, Iva Manning-Childs, Tiffany Liptrot, Tabatha Farmer, McKinley Amette, Adam Carter, Whitney Bailey, Loyd White, Josh Ellis, Matthew McInosh, Heather Sanders, D.J. Sinson, Josh Tracy, Abe Childs, Courtney Dykes, Nikki Marker, Haley Wambles, Nicole Brown, Kenna Roberts, Chris Farmer, Luke Taylor, T.J. Winters, Anna Edmondson, Levi Brown, Allan Harrison, Jeremy Eddins, Anna Miller, Haley Flowers.

"B" HONOR ROLL
Lara Lea Beasley, William Clements

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

TRAVIS MOULTRY

Travis Moultry has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Troy. The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. Moultry will report to Ft. Jackson, Columbia, S.C. for military basic training on July 31, 1997. He is the son of Willie and Annette Moultry of Brundidge.

Coleman receives honors at University of Alabama

The University of Alabama observed Honors Day on April 18, and recognized as a Distinguished Undergraduate Scholar was Grant Coleman of Elba.

Grant was one of only three students in the College of Arts and Sciences to be recognized for his accomplishment. He is a senior biological sciences major at the University, and joins students from all fields of study who were honored for outstanding achievements inside and outside the classroom.

Distinguished undergraduate scholars are those students who have maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average throughout their studies at the University.

During Honors Week preceding Honors Day, Grant also joined approximately 30 other students being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious academic honor society in the nation.

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa recognizes students who have shown outstanding academic achievement during their college studies. Grant also was selected by the department of biological sciences as an Outstanding Senior in Biological Sciences for the 1996-97 academic year.

Grant is the son of Gerry Coleman of Montgomery and the late Nelda Coleman of Elba, and is the grandson of Myra Smith of Elba.



Pictured above is Grant Coleman (r) with Dr. James D. Yarbrough, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama.

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Alabama Cooperative Extension System officially unveiled

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

A new extension system has been created in Alabama as a result of a Federal Court order.

On August 1, 1995, Federal Court Judge Harold Murphy ordered the merger of Extension programs from Alabama A&M and Auburn universities and established the new unified Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The order stated, "Alabama shall have a single, statewide Cooperative Extension System that unifies the efforts of Auburn University and Alabama A&M University into one organization to be known and identified as the Alabama Cooperative Extension System to operate as the outreach organization for the land-grant function of these universities."

As a result of the court order, major changes in operation, state funding, staffing and programming are being made; however, those who receive the benefits of the Extension Service will experience no change.

On Tuesday, May 13, the local office formally and officially changed its name to: Alabama Cooperative Extension System/Coffee County office.

The Chairman of the Coffee County commission, Tom Grimley, made the following statement:

"It has been often said that the success of any community is measured by the quality of its lawyers, doctors, ministers and teachers. The same can be said of its county Extension agents."

"This is a significant day in the history of Cooperative Extension work in Alabama - so significant that I've signed a proclamation setting aside today, May 13, as Extension System Recognition day in coffee County."

"I invite all the people of Coffee County to reflect on the important role Extension has played and continues to play in the economic vitality of our community."

"Yes, the merger of the two Extension programs at Alabama A&M and Auburn universities represent a big challenge to both universities and to local staff here in our county. But for the past 83 years, Cooperative Extension has always risen to meet the challenge. I have no doubt

that following through with the merger will be no exception."

Grimley noted that Extension work at the county level has changed considerably over the past eight decades, but that one thing will never change: the agents' commitment to provide all Alabamians with the means for a better life.

He pledged the full support of the Coffee County Commission to the members of the Extension staff in getting this new system underway.

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The first county agents, known as demonstration agents, were employed in Alabama in 1906 and began work in 1907. "Farmer-demonstration work" was conducted in 23 of the state's counties in 1907.

In 1911, the state legislature appropriated \$25,000 annually for farm demonstration work. Before that time, the state had given practically no money.

Alabama has 46,000 farms covering 109 million acres. The average farm size is 2.3 acres.

In 1994, cash receipts from marketing totaled \$2.91 billion. Live-stock and poultry accounted for 75 percent of the total.

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NEW EXTENSION SYSTEM... Pictured above are (l-r): George Tabb, county agent; Bobbie White, secretary; Richard Puckett, county agent; Angela Hughes, county agent; Stan Windham, county agent; Sandra Coffey, county extension coordinator; Tom Grimley, Chairman of the Coffee County Commission; and Susan Taylor, NEP Program Assistant.

Elba W&E handles housekeeping chores

By Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday evening, May 13th at Elba City Hall. Business was routine housekeeping chores, minor adjustments to fees charged and purchase of some vehicle repair shop equipment.

Chairman Tim Johnson reported to the board that the accounts receivable were in pretty good shape. He also said that debt collection was the highest in the past month it has been several months. Employees were commended for their continuing efforts in this matter.

Superintendent James Grimes recommended the utility adopt a policy by other electric utility companies and access a charge for moving electric power poles just because a property owner wants it moved a few feet. The board agreed and set a \$50 charge, effective June 1st.

Another item discussed was the problems of customers requesting underground utilities and cancelling the order after the special purchase

of transformers and underground wiring has been ordered.

In the future no equipment will be ordered until customers have signed a written commitment to pay for the higher cost equipment.

Board members were also told of a letter from environmental groups urging the use of concrete poles, rather than the chemically treated wooden poles historically used. The letter noted the leaching out of the harmful chemicals into the surrounding soil.

The board was asked by Grimes to consider concrete poles in the future only for wet places and main corners. The high cost (1 1/2 times higher than wooden poles) makes the routine use of concrete poles costlier than the utility wants to consider at this time.

The utility had previously approved leasing space on the water tank at the new schools to a cellular phone firm.

During the firms efforts to get approval for their antennas, it was discovered that the water tank didn't have the required safety lights, which will cost a total of \$7,000.

Grimes reported the cellular firm had agreed to pay half the cost and the utility also voted to pay half the cost of a vehicle lift for the city mechanic shop, which does repairs on both city and utility department vehicles. The total cost of the lift is \$3,600. Previously, work under vehicles had been done by raising the vehicles up on jacks, not a recommended safe practice.

Bills totaling \$36,836.24 were approved for payment.

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** HAPPENINGS **

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

AREA GRADUATIONS ANNOUNCED. New Brockton High School will hold graduation exercises on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field; Kinston High School's Senior Class of '97 will graduate on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium; and Zion Chapel High School will hold graduation on Friday, May 30, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. on the football field.

HOLIDAY CLOSING. The Town of New Brockton will observe the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26. Town offices will be closed; however, emergency services will be provided. Garbage collection will remain the same.

CPR CLASS. The Coffee County American Red Cross will sponsor an Adult CPR Class and a First Aid Class on Thursday, May 29, 1997 at the Elba Rescue Squad Building. Adult CPR will start at 9 a.m. and First Aid at 1 p.m. Cost of the classes will be \$15 plus books. To register call the Red Cross office at 347-2461.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The American Cancer Society's program "Road to Recovery" is in need of volunteers to transport cancer patients to and from their treatments. Anyone who wishes to donate their time for such a worthwhile cause should contact Linda Anderson at the ACS office at (334)793-1012.

FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY. The 35th District of The American Legion will conduct a Flag Disposal Ceremony on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at Samson's American Legion Post. Anyone who has an unserviceable, worn or tattered U. S. Flag they wish to have disposed of properly should contact Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flag(s) by the Veterans Service Office located in the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton, AL.

Meet Your Elba Police Officers

Meet Police Officer Dean Blair. Dean is a native of Elba, and has been a member of the Elba Police Department since November 1996.

Blair is a graduate of the Southwest Alabama Police Academy and has been in law enforcement fulltime or as a reserve officer since 1984.

Prior to joining the EPD, he served as the chief of police for the Town of Brantley. He has also worked with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as a fulltime deputy or as a reserve deputy for several years. Dean had also served on the Elba Police Department in previous years.

At the present time, Officer Blair serves as the department's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer. He is a certified D.A.R.E. instructor.

"Being able to help others and hopefully make a difference in our young people's lives through the D.A.R.E. program is what I like most about being a police officer," said Blair.

"The negative attitudes some people have about police officers is one of my pet peeves," said Dean.

His most memorable experience as a policeman is being Elba's first D.A.R.E. Officer and seeing the enthusiasm the program brought to the police department and school.

The one change in Elba that



Officer Blair would like to see is the current trend toward alcohol and drug use by young people turned around making Elba a drug free community.

Dean's wish for the department is for more officers, modern equipment, and to maintain the present harmony and spirit of cooperation within the department.

In his spare time, Dean spends time with his family, enjoys attending Alabama football games and automobile races.

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